## ABSTRACTAP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 01 FEB 2006

An electrical connector comprising a male housing and a female housing and electrical contacts extending therebetween when the male housing is plugged into the female housing. A shroud is reciprocatingly mounted to the male housing. When the shroud is in a retracted position, the electrical contact of the male housing is exposed to permit electrical contact with the female housing, and when the shroud is in an extended position it substantially covers the electrical contact of the male housing.